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PURPOSE

To describe the infirmary care available to provide adequate medical care for inmates housed within the Department.

To assist in achieving the health care objectives of the Department.

AUTHORITY

NRS 209.131
NRS 209.381

RESPONSIBILITY

All Medical Division employees has the responsibility to have knowledge of and comply with this regulation.

DEFINITIONS

INSITUTIONAL INFIRMARY CARE – An area within the facility that maintains and operates organized bed care and services for inmates formally admitted for a period of 24 hours or more and that is operated for the express or implied purpose of providing skilled nursing care for persons not in need of hospitalization outside the security perimeter.

REGIONAL MEDICAL FACILITY – The facility located at Northern Nevada Correctional Center designed and operated to provide short and long-term health care as well as inmates routinely admitted for infirmity type services. They are also formally admitted to this facility for health care that exceeds the capabilities of the Department's institutional infirmity care.

APPLICABILITY

This regulation applies to all inmates housed within the Department.

PROCEDURES

619.01 INSITUTIONAL INFIRMARY CARE

1.1 Infirmity care will be provided to the inmate population through an institutional infirmity or health unit. **(3-4354)**

1.1.1 The assignment and utilization of beds in any infirmity will be under the authority of the Medical Director and the Medical Division staff.

1.1.2 Medical or Mental Health staff, (i.e., Physician, Mid-level Practitioner, Dentist, Psychiatrist, Psychologist, or nursing personnel in urgent or emergency situations), will authorize all admissions to the infirmity.

1.1.3 During non-business hours, the nurse is to contact the on-call physician by phone. A telephone order will be obtained that will be signed by the Physician within 48 hours.

1.1.4 In emergency situations, the Warden and/or designee may authorize temporary use of infirmity space for custody purposes.

1.1.5 The medical staff will not be locked in an infirmity with inmates without custody staff present.

1.1.6 Health care personnel will be on duty twenty-four (24) hours per day to provide infirmity care.

1.1.6.1 Nursing services will be under the direction of a Physician, Mid-level Practitioner, or registered Nurse on a full-time basis.

1.1.6.2 A Physician or Mid-level Practitioner will be on call twenty-four (24) hours per day.

1.1.7 Inmates visiting the infirmary for any reason must sign the visitation logbook. If they see a physician, mid-level practitioner or nurse, they must sign the Sign-In sheet, form (DOC - 2544).

1.1.8 No outside visitors will be permitted in the infirmary, unless approved by the Director/designee, the Medical Director/designee or the Warden/designee.

1.1.8.1 In-patients will be sent to the visiting room or other appropriate area as designated by custody, unless otherwise authorized by the Director/designee and the Medical Director/designee.

1.1.8.2 Inmate patients must receive medical clearance from their attending physician prior to any visits.

REFERENCES

ACA Standards 3-4354

ATTACHMENTS

Sign-In Sheet, DOC 2544

Jackie Crawford, Director

Date

Ted D'Amico, D.O., Medical Director

Date

CONFIDENTIAL

Yes

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No

THIS PROCEDURE SUPERSEDES ALL PRIOR WRITTEN PROCEDURES ON THIS SPECIFIC SUBJECT.